

Multi-Modal Transportation Task Force

Statement of Study Intent

In meeting its long term transportation and land use goals, the City-County Comprehensive Plan recognizes the importance of expanding opportunities for furthering alternative modes of travel and mobility.

The Comprehensive Plan's transportation chapter -- also known as the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) -- lists two studies to be undertaken during the first two years of the planning period specifically address this subject:

Multi-Modal Transportation

"There should be a community-wide review identifying near- and long-term multi-modal transportation and mobility opportunities for Lincoln and Lancaster County. The study should consider alternative approaches to providing personal transportation services, possible characteristics of service levels, and funding options best serving our community objectives. The study should be completed within approximately two years of the adoption of the Plan."

Community-Wide Mobility Review

"Community-Wide Mobility Review of those groups whose transportation and mobility needs are not being met today. Early in the planning effort, groups comprising this portion of Lincoln and Lancaster County's population should be identified, including unique transportation and mobility characteristics. The study should consider at a minimum alternative approaches for providing transportation services to these groups, level of service characteristics, and funding options. The study is to be completed within approximately two years from the adoption of the Plan."

These two studies are being integrated into a single planning effort term the "Multi-Modal Transportation Plan Study."

The primary focus of this study is to identify realistic means for expanding travel, mobility, and accessibility opportunities within the City and County by supporting and promoting alternative mode of transportation. This includes a fuller understanding of the relationship that land use policy, growth planning, and design standards play in furthering the ultimate success of alternative transportation modes.

The study is designed to enhance the policies and strategies contained in the adopted City-County Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan. This study is not to revise or revisit the goals or underlying approach of the Comprehensive Plan and LRTP. Rather this study will reinforce and expand upon those policies and strategies to ensure their effective implementation.

The goal of the study is to define means for furthering the usage of a wider range of travel modes to meet the Comprehensive Plan's and LRTP's Vision for enhancing multi-modal opportunities. This effort must at the same time consider and acknowledge the community's current dominant mode of travel (i.e., the automobile) while seeking greater usage of alternative transportation modes.

While one task of this study will be to examine the community's present modal behavior, the results from the recent United States Census Bureau's "Travel to Work" statistics reflect the backdrop within which this study will need to be completed. As shown below, the private automobile remains the prevailing mode of travel for one segment of the mobility market – specifically the work trip:

Mode of Travel to Work	Persons		Percent of Total		Absolute Change	Percent Change
	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
Drive Alone	79,464	100,761	75.9	80.7	21,297	26.8%
Carpool	13,059	12,603	12.5	10.1	- 456	-3.5%
Public Transportation	2,270	1,576	2.2	1.3	- 694	- 30.5%
Walk	5,159	4,221	4.9	3.4	- 938	- 18.2%
Other Means*	1,772	2,096	1.7	1.7	324	18.3%
Work at Home	2,966	3,625	2.8	2.9	659	22.2%
Total	104,690	124,882	100.0	100.1	20,192	19.3%
*Includes bicycles, motorcycles, and other means.						

While these statistics reflect but one segment of travel behavior in the City of Lincoln, they are indicative of both existing travel modal choice as well as recent trends in modal usage. These statistics cast light on the challenge facing the community as it works toward enhancing its opportunities for increasing multi-modal choices.

Multi-Modal Transportation Plan Study Schedule: Lincoln, Nebraska

Phases & Tasks	M O N T H S											***
	Aug 03	Sep 03	Oct 03	Nov 03	Dec 03	Jan 04	Feb 04	Mar 04	Apr 04	May 04	Jun 04	
Phase 1: Study Management												
Management and Organization												
Phase II: Data and Information Base												
Demographic Profile												
Travel Behavior, Needs, & Perceptions												
Public Opinion Survey												
Existing Transportation Services												
Land Use & Development												
Comprehensive Plan & LRTP												
Peer City Analysis												
Key Person Interviews												
Public Open House												
Phase III: Major Themes												
Travel Characteristics												
Transportation Services												
Land Use												
Institutional Relationships												
Funding and Staffing												
Policies and Standards												
Major Themes Summary Report												
Phase IV: Modal Options and Policy												
Evaluation Methodology												
Modal Options												
Planning & Public Policy Options												
Test Policy Options												
Review Draft Policies												
Phase V: Plan & Implem. Program												
Multi-Modal Plan												
Implementation Program												
Review Draft Plan												
Public Review (Open House)												
Report Revision												
Phase VI: Plan Adoption												

Note: Subject to Change and Revision

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